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SUBJ: KUWAIT AIRWAYS TO DEFER PURCHASE OF WIDE BODIED AIRCRAFT

REF: KUWAIT 4277

EMBOFF TOLD BY SENIOR KAC SOURCE COMPANY HAS SENT LETTER TO LOCKHEED, MCDONNELL DOUGLAS AND BOEING INFORMING THEM THAT DECISION RE PURCHASE WIDE BODIED JETS BEING DEFERRED. KAC WHICH HAS BEEN STUDYING MATTER CLOSELY HAD BEEN EXPECTED SELECT ONE OF WIDE BODIED JETS MANUFACTURED BY THESE COMPANIES DURING 1974. DECISION TO DEFER SELECTION PROMPTED BY RECENT CHANGES INCLUDING INCREASED FUEL PRICES AND CONCOMITANT CHANGES IN FARES AND PASSENGER DEMAND. KACC ALSO STILL TRYING TO DETERMINE EFFECT OF LIQUOR BAN IMPOSED BY GOK. OTHER POSSIBLE FACTORS MAY HAVE INCLUDED UNCERTAIN PLANS BY ARAB CARRIERS TO FORM CONSORTIUM TO FLY TO US AND GENERALLY NEGATIVE OUTLOOK FOR KUWAITIS TO OBTAIN US LANDING RIGHTS. KAC WANTS TO STUDY MARKET MORE CLOSELY AND SEE HOW ALL THESE FACTORS WILL SORT THEMSELVES OUT. NOT CLEAR NOW WHEN OR WHETHER WIDE BODIES AIRCRAFT SELECTION WILL BE MADE.

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2. IN OTHER KAC DEVELOPMENTS WE UNDERSTAND COMPANY MAY BE

LOOKING FOR USED BOEING 707 AND SLIGHT POSSIBILITY EXISTS
COMPANY MAY BE INTERESTED IN VIP CONFIGURED LOCKHEED TRI-
STAR FOR AMIR. RUMORS RE KAC-TWA ARRANGEMENT (REFTEL) HAVE
PROVEN TO BE UNFOUNDED.
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